




Minister of Energy and AUMA Executive Committee



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The Economy in 2009

- Municipalities are concerned about the impact of job losses in the declining economy. We support infrastructure partnerships with the energy sector to ensure community development is balanced.
- AUMA is prepared to strongly support the Government of Alberta as it responds to an economic downturn.
- We believe that both orders of government can partner in the good times , as well as the bad times, through a new, more mature relationship.



The Throne Speech

- Municipalities appreciate the focus on future to maintain confidence in Alberta
- We are ready with programs to leverage public infrastructure investments
- It is imperative that the integration of ambulance and emergency medical services be an immediate priority



2009 Provincial Budget Submission

- AUMA's Core Recommendation:
Using the Framework for a Provincial-Municipal Sustainability Partnership Agreement, discuss with Alberta municipalities a new permanent relationship with objective-based, annual transfers.

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How will this help going forward?

- Allows for better planning, permanence and predictability for both orders of government
- Streamlines and simplifies complex government programs and processes
- Builds-in accountability measures to ensure key objectives are being met


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How would this help right now?

- In an environment of economic instability:
 - *Increases accountability*
 - *Improves reporting of results for dollars invested in municipalities*


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Future of Local Governance

In 2009, AUMA will:

- Review the current state of local governance;
- Develop clear options for more effective local governance;
- Consider the risks, benefits and incentives required for change; and
- Review examples of local government restructuring outside of Alberta.



Provincial Energy Strategy

- “Clean Energy Production”
 - municipalities are interested in pursuing opportunities for micro generation
 - Members express ongoing concern over the use of water in energy production
- “Wise Energy Use” –
 - Energy efficiency and conservation a key priority in the development of AUMA’s Climate Change Action Plan.



Upcoming AUMA Meetings and Events

President’s Summit on the Future Role of Municipal Governance:

- April 30 to May 1, 2009
Red Deer.
- ***2009 Annual Convention:***
 - November 4-6, 2009
Calgary.



Update on Ministry Initiatives

We would like to hear from you.

Thank you for your time.